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Attorney General John Ashcroft
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Dear Mr. Ashcroft:

In reference to the legal actions that have transpired against Microsoft, I am a firm believer that Microsoft should never have gone to Court. Although Microsoft's success has been accompanied by a notable amount of wealth, I find it necessary to mention the generous donations to public schools. The Gates foundation has done a lot for the education of our children and it is disconcerting that Microsoft should be punished for its contribution to the community as well as the advanced technologies it has introduced to our society.

It is for these reasons that I support Microsoft's antitrust settlement be done as soon as possible.

The terms reached in the settlement are more than fair and reasonable as they encompass a large range of issues both related to the case as well as issues that were not found unlawful by the Court. Microsoft has agreed to change a number of business methods that include making it easier to reconfigure Windows for all users. In this way, Microsoft will enable the competitor to be promoted within the software program.

Included in the settlement are also terms that address future anticompetitive behavior. These terms require to a promise not to retaliate against competitors as well as the establishment of a Technical committee that will make sure that Microsoft does not stray from the settlement's terms.

Sincerely,



Jose and Patricia Martin